

IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

RETURN

OF

PROCEEDINGS

UNDER

"THE LAND LAW ACTS;" "THE LABOURERS (IRELAND)
ACTS, 1883-1891;" AND "THE LAND PURCHASE ACTS."

DURING THE MONTH OF

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IRISH LAND COMMISSION

MONTH OF JANUARY, 1899.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law Acts," up to the 31st day of January, 1899; also of Proceedings up to same date, under "The Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883-1891," and under "The Land Purchase Acts."

COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

I.—FAIR RENT.

(a.) *In Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st December, 1898,	193,833		Rents Fixed—		
Applications received in month of January, 1899,	208	194,046	By Chief Commission to 31st December, 1898,	4,461	
			" in month of January, 1899,	18	4,479
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st Dec., 1898,	10,352				
Do. in month of Jan., 1899,	40	10,392	By Sub-Commissions to 31st December, 1898,	165,608	
			" in month of Jan., 1899,	360	165,966
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st Dec., 1898,	29,926				
Applications received in month of January, 1899,	9	29,947			
Number of Cases under the "Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891," which were treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents,* to 31st Dec., 1898,	1,188		Discontinued—		
" received in Jan., 1899,	2	1,190	To 31st December, 1898,	8,895	
			In month of January, 1899,	46	8,941
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st Dec., 1898,	1,449				
Do. in month of Jan., 1899,	2	1,451	Struck out—		
			To 31st December, 1898,	35,379	
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1894, to 31st Dec., 1898,	398		In month of January, 1899,	40	36,419
do. in month of Jan., 1899,	15	413	Withdrawn†—		
			To 31st December, 1898,	14,949	
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st December, 1898,	36		In month of January, 1899,	17	14,966
Do. in month of Jan., 1899,	—	36			
Total,	—	237,485	Total disposed of,	—	230,771

* These cases are also included in Redemption of Rent, Table (ix.), page 8.

† An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to 31st Dec., 1898,	41,147	42,130	Rents fixed— By Chief Commission to 31st December, 1898,	298	336
Applications received in month of January, 1899,	983		" in month of January, 1899,	38	
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st December, 1898,	3,079		By Sub-Commissions to 31st December, 1898,	15,714	16,140
Do. in month of January, 1899,	164		" in month of January, 1899,	726	
		3,143	Dismissed— To 31st December, 1898,	429	450
			In month of January, 1899,	21	
			Struck out— To 31st December, 1898,	5,800	3,871
			In month of January, 1899,	71	
		45,273	Withdrawn*— To 31st December, 1898,	602	635
			In month of January, 1899,	33	
Total,	—		Total disposed of,	—	21,732

* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

(b.) Out of Court.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 44, fixing Fair Rent to 31st December, 1898,	124,879
Do, do, in month of January, 1899,	444
Total,	125,323

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 45, fixing Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term to 31st December, 1898,	12,392
Do, do, in month of January, 1899,	1,058
Total,	13,450

II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.†

Miscellaneous Originating Notices, (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.): Applications received to 31st December, 1898,	1,732	1,739	Number disposed of to 31st Dec., 1898,	2,589
Applications received in month of January, 1899,	7		" in month of January, 1899,	9
Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.) transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st December, 1898,	41	42		
Do, in month of January, 1899,	1			
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present tenancies (Form 33) received to 31st December, 1898,	1,062	1,062		
Applications in month of January, 1899,	—			
Total,	—	2,843	Total disposed of,	2,598

† The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of lease, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an "originating Notice."

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTER TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887").—SEC. 2.—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1898,*	55	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st Dec., 1898,	29	
		" in month of January, 1899,	—	29
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1898,	30	
		" in month of January, 1899,	—	30
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 31st December, 1898,	5	
		" in month of January, 1899,	—	5
Total,	55	Total disposed of,	—	55

* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1898.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 38.

Number of Applications received to 31st Dec., 1898,	19	Applications granted to 31st December, 1898,	5	
" in month of January, 1899,	—	" in month of January, 1899,	—	5
" Transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st December, 1898,	3	Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1898,	10	
" in month of January, 1899,	—	" in month of January, 1899,	—	10
		Applications withdrawn to 31st December, 1898,	3	
		" in month of January, 1899,	—	3
Total,	—	Total disposed of,	—	18

V.—PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1883—1891.

Applications received to 31st Dec., 1898,	4,350	Rents Fixed to 31st Dec., 1898,	3,844	
" in January, 1899,	—	" in January, 1899,	—	3,844
		Applications dismissed, struck out, and withdrawn to 31st Dec., 1898,	399	
		" in January, 1899,	—	399
Total,	4,350	Total disposed of,	—	4,243

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**VI.—APPEALS TO FAIR RENTS, &c
FIRST STATUTORY TERM.**

Number of Appeals lodged to 31st December, 1898,	48,646	Number heard to 31st Dec., 1898,	24,605	
" in month of January, 1899,	142	" in month of January, 1899,	27	24,632
		Number dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1898,	801	
		" in month of January, 1899,	—	801
		Number withdrawn to 31st December, 1898,	21,413	
		" in month of January, 1899,	32	21,445
		Total Number disposed of,	—	46,078
		Remaining to be disposed of,	—	2,110
Total,	48,788	Total,	—	48,788

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged during Second Statutory Term to 31st Dec., 1898,	9,194	Number heard to 31st Dec., 1898,	2,323	
" in month of January, 1899,	532	" in month of January, 1899,	153	2,455
		Number dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1898,	—	
		" in month of January, 1899,	—	—
		Number withdrawn to 31st December, 1898,	1,668	
		" in month of January, 1899,	30	1,698
		Total Number disposed of,	—	3,513
		Remaining to be disposed of,	—	6,173
Total,	9,726	Total,	—	9,726

VII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACTS, 1885 AND 1888.

	Number.	Amount.
Loans applied for to 31st December, 1898,	29,636	11,452,028
" in month of January, 1899,	—	—
	29,636	11,452,028
Deduct Applications refused,	3,809	1,469,077
	25,827	9,982,951
Loans sanctioned to 31st December, 1898,	25,827	9,982,951
Loans sanctioned in month of January, 1899,	—	—
	25,827	9,982,951
Loans issued to 31st December, 1898,	25,366	9,992,477
Loans issued in month of January, 1899,	—	—
	25,366	9,992,477

VIII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACTS, 1891, 1896.

	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£		£
Loans applied for to 31st December, 1898,	21,048	6,599,325		
" in January, 1899,	620	173,260	21,668	6,772,585
Loans applied for in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 6, Act, 1895), to 31st December, 1898,	2,891	749,767		
" in January, 1899,	—	—	2,891	749,767
Loans applied for (Section 40, Act, 1896), to 31st Dec., 1898,	349	94,707		
" in January, 1899,	18	14,966	367	109,673
Total number of Loans applied for to 31st Dec., 1898,	—	—	24,926	7,632,095
Less applications refused to 31st December, 1898,	827	366,107		
" " in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 6, Act, 1895), to 31st December, 1898,	850	271,190		
" " (Section 40, Act, 1896) to 31st December, 1898,	—	—	1,736	636,227
Loans sanctioned to 31st December, 1898,	17,736	5,494,009	23,140	7,068,798
" in January, 1899,	327	94,610	18,015	5,588,619
Loans sanctioned in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 6, Act, 1895), to 31st December, 1898,	1,979	512,030		
" in January, 1899,	—	—	1,979	512,030
" (Section 40, Act, 1896), to 31st Dec., 1898,	349	94,707		
" in January, 1899,	18	14,966	367	109,673
Total number of Loans sanctioned to 31st Dec., 1898,	—	—	20,409	6,310,322
Less applications rescinded by Order of Court to 31st December, 1898,	180	57,065		
" in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 6, Act, 1895), to 31st December, 1898,	187	68,769		
" (Section 40, Act, 1896) to 31st Dec., 1898,	—	—	287	110,824
Loans issued to 31st December, 1898,	13,213	4,104,562	20,128	6,099,496
" in January, 1899,	460	124,259	13,672	4,329,121
" in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 6, Act, 1895), to 31st December, 1898,	1,749	445,201		
" in January, 1899,	7	1,714	1,756	446,916
" (Section 40, Act, 1896), to 31st December, 1898,	349	94,707		
" in January, 1899,	18	14,966	367	109,673
" in cases under the Redemption of Rent Act, to 31st December, 1898,	79	78,069		
" in January, 1899,	—	—	79	78,069
" pursuant to Sec. 43 of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896, to 31st December, 1898,	4	15,782		
" in January, 1899,	2	3,589	6	19,171
			18,881	4,862,949

IX.—REDEMPTION OF RENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1891.

Applications received to 31st December, 1898,	1,372	Number of cases in which Consents to Redemption of Rents have been received and cases treated as Agreements to Purchase to 31st December, 1898,	166	
„ in January, 1899,	5	Number received in January, 1899,	—	166
		Number of cases in which no Consents were received and which were treated as applications to fix Fair Rents* to 31st December, 1898,	1,188	
		Number of cases in which time had expired for receiving consents in month of January, 1899,	2	1,190
				1,356
		Number of cases in which applications have been received but where time for lodgment of consent has not expired,	—	21
Total,	1,377	Total,	—	1,377

* Applications treated as Fair Rent cases are also included in Fair Rent Table (a) page 3.

CIVIL BILL COURTS.

MONTH OF JANUARY, 1899.

Summary of Proceedings under the "Land Law Acts" as notified to the Irish Land Commission, up to the 31st day of January, 1899.

I.—FAIR RENT.

(a.) *Is Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st December, 1898,	31,818	Rents fixed to 31st Dec., 1898,	17,800	
Applications received in month of January, 1899,	48	„ in month of January, 1899,	7	17,957
	31,866	Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1898,	3,999	
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed to 31st December, 1898,	4,341	„ in month of January, 1899,	8	4,003
Applications received in month of January, 1899,	1	Applications withdrawn* to 31st December, 1898,	494	
	4,342	„ in month of January, 1899,	1	489
Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts under sec. 6 "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," when an adjournment is pending, to 31st Dec., 1898,	2,514	Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Dec., 1898,	11,801	
Applications received in month of January, 1899,	11	„ in month of Jan., 1899,	42	11,843
	2,525	Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," to 31st December, 1898,	99	
Applications received in month of January, 1899,	4	transferred to the Irish Land Commission to the 31st Dec., 1898,	36	
	103	„ in month of Jan., 1899,	—	36
Total,	—	Total disposed of,	—	34,333

* An Application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred from applications to withdraw and trade, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to 31st December, 1898,	5,709	Rents fixed to 31st Dec., 1898,	1,042	1,061
		" in month of Jan., 1899,	19	
Applications received in month of Jan., 1899,	173	Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1898,	94	94
		" in month of Jan., 1899,	—	
		Applications withdrawn* to 31st December, 1898,	66	66
		" in month of Jan., 1899,	—	
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission, to 31st December, 1898,	2,979	3,143
		" in month of Jan., 1899,	164	
Total,	5,882	Total disposed of,	—	4,364

* An Application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

(b.) Out of Court.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form No. 44, fixing Fair Rent to 31st December, 1898,	7,294
Do, do, in month of January, 1899,	—
Total,	7,294

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 45, fixing Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term, received to 31st December, 1898,	68
Do, do, in month of January, 1899,	—
Total,	68

II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.*

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.):		Number disposed of to 31st December, 1898,	337	338
Applications received to 31st December, 1898,	617	" in month of Jan., 1899,	1	
Applications received in month of January, 1899,	3	Transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Dec., 1898,	41	42
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present Tenancies (Form 23) received to 31st December, 1898,	3	Transferred in month of Jan., 1899,	1	
Applications received in month of January, 1899,	—			
Total,	—	Total disposed of,	—	380

* The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTEE TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887,"—SEC. 2)—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,*	6	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st Dec., 1888, .	—	
		" in month of Jan., 1889, .	—	
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st December, 1888, .	6	
		" in month of Jan., 1889, .	—	6
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 31st December, 1888, .	—	
		" in month of Jan., 1889, .	—	
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court, to 31st December, 1888, .	—	
		" in month of Jan., 1889, .	—	
Total, .	6	Total disposed of, .	—	6

* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 38.

Number of Applications received to 31st December, 1888, .	22	Applications granted to 31st December, 1888, .	3	
" in month of Jan., 1889, .	—	" in month of Jan., 1889, .	—	3
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1888, .	4	
		" in month of Jan., 1889, .	—	4
		Applications withdrawn to 31st December, 1888, .	1	
		" in month of Jan., 1889, .	—	1
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st December, 1888, .	3	
		" in month of Jan., 1889, .	—	3
Total .	22	Total disposed of, .	—	11

IRISH LAND COMMISSION
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